

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): For use with an electronic mail (e-mail) program, a system for establishing relationships between hypertext references contained in e-mail messages received by said e-mail program, comprising:

C1 a message parser that locates hypertext references in first and second e-mail messages received by said e-mail program and builds hypertext messages containing said hypertext references and associations of ~~associates~~ each of said hypertext references with a sender of said first and second e-mail messages; and

a message organizer that allows a user to choose to display said ~~first and second e-mail~~ hypertext messages in an order that is based on said hypertext references.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said message organizer further causes said e-mail program to display for each of said hypertext messages a message field containing said hypertext references and a from field containing said sender associated with each of said hypertext references.

Claim 3 (Original): The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said first e-mail message is selected from the group consisting of:

- a direct e-mail message, and
- a newsgroup posting.

Claim 4 (Original): The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said hypertext references have associated viewing statuses, said message organizer identically marking viewing statuses of identical ones of said hypertext references.

Claim 5 (Previously Amended): The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said message organizer orders based on said hypertext references and said sender associated with each of said hypertext references.

Claim 6 (Original): The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said hypertext references are uniform resource locators (URLs).

Claim 7 (Original): The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said message organizer allows said user to view referenced resources according to said order.

Claim 8 (Original): The system as recited in Claim 1 further comprising a browser and wherein said message organizer is capable of employing said browser to view information associated with said hypertext references.

Claim 9 (Original): The system as recited in Claim 8 wherein said browser is capable of paging between pages of information associated with said hypertext references of said message organizer and said browser identically marks viewing statuses of identical ones of said hypertext references.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): For use with an electronic mail (e-mail) program, a method of establishing relationships between hypertext references contained in e-mail messages received by said e-mail program, comprising:

locating hypertext references in first and second e-mail messages received by said e-mail program and building hypertext messages containing said hypertext references and associations of associating each of said hypertext references with a sender of said first and second e-mail messages; and

allowing a user to choose to display said ~~first and second e-mail~~ hypertext messages in an order that is based on said hypertext references.

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Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method as recited in Claim 10 further comprising causing said e-mail program to display for each of said hypertext messages a message field containing said hypertext references and a from field containing said sender associated with each of said hypertext references.

Claim 12 (Original): The method as recited in Claim 10 wherein said first e-mail message is selected from the group consisting of:

a direct e-mail message, and
a newsgroup posting.

Claim 13 (Original): The method as recited in Claim 10 wherein said hypertext references have associated viewing statuses, said method comprising identically marking viewing statuses of identical ones of said hypertext references.

Claim 14 (Previously Amended): The method as recited in Claim 10 wherein said order is based on said hypertext references and said sender associated with each of said hypertext references.

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Claim 15 (Original): The method as recited in Claim 10 wherein said hypertext references are uniform resource locators (URLs).

Claim 16 (Original): The method as recited in Claim 10 further comprising allowing said user to view referenced resources according to said order.

Claim 17 (Original): The method as recited in Claim 10 further comprising invoking a browser to view information associated with said hypertext references.

Claim 18 (Original): The method as recited in Claim 17 further comprising:
paging between pages of information associated with said hypertext references of said message organizer; and

identically marking viewing statuses of identical ones of said hypertext references.

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Claim 19 (Currently Amended): An electronic mail (e-mail) program, comprising:
a message receiver;
a message transmitter coupled to said message receiver;
a message composer coupled to said message transmitter;
a message store coupled to said message composer; and
a system, associated with said message store, for establishing relationships between
hypertext references contained in e-mail messages received by said e-mail program, including:

a message parser that locates hypertext references in first and second e-mail messages
received by said e-mail program and builds hypertext messages containing said hypertext
references and associations of associates each of said hypertext references with a sender
of said first and second e-mail messages, and

a message organizer that allows a user to choose to display said ~~first and second e-~~
~~mail~~ hypertext messages in an order that is based on said hypertext references.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said
message organizer further causes said e-mail program to display for each of said hypertext messages
a message field containing said hypertext references and a from field containing said sender
associated with each of said hypertext references.

Claim 21 (Original): The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said first e-mail message is selected from the group consisting of:

a direct e-mail message, and
a newsgroup posting.

Claim 22 (Original): The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said hypertext references have associated viewing statuses, said message organizer identically marking viewing statuses of identical ones of said hypertext references.

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Claim 23 (Previously Amended): The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said message organizer orders based on said hypertext references and said sender associated with each of said hypertext references.

Claim 24 (Original): The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said hypertext references are uniform resource locators (URLs).

Claim 25 (Original): The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said message organizer allows said user to view referenced resources according to said order.

Claim 26 (Original): The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 further comprising a browser and wherein said message organizer is capable of employing said browser to view information associated with said hypertext references.

Claim 27 (Original): The e-mail program as recited in Claim 26 wherein said browser is capable of paging between pages of information associated with said hypertext references of said message organizer and said browser identically marks viewing statuses of identical ones of said hypertext references.
